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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), after the filing of a Notice of Appeal and before the filing of an Appeal Brief, which would have been due Sunday, July 1, 2007. In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2006 Applicants submit the following amendment and response.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the Listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper